(a) whether some trains between Bangalore and Mysore were cancelled recently; and

(b) if so, the names of those trains and the reasons for their cancellation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to gauge conversion works, 6205 Tippu Express and 6212 Nandi Express have been cancelled fully and the run of 231/232, 229/234 and 233/230 passengers curtailed.

Anganwadi Workers in ICDS project in Andhra Pradesh

1853 SHRI M.V.V.S MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total 'Anganwadi' workers working under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programmes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) their service conditions, salaries and other amenities provided to them; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend/increase the Anganwadis service in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) The total number of Anganwadi Workers sanctioned in the ICDS programme in Andhra Pradesh is 21879. In addition, 21879 helpers are also sanctioned. Out of these, 850 Anganwadi Workers and 850 Helpers are in the State Sector ICDS while the rest are in the Central Sector ICDS.

(b) Anganwadi Workers are voluntary part-time workers getting a monthly honorarium ranging from Rs. 225.00 to Rs. 325.00 depending upon their experience and educational level. The helpers are also honorary workers and are paid honorarium of Rs. 110.00 per month.

Instructions have also been issued to the effect that the State Government may consider suitable recruitment rules wherein qualified Anganwadi Workers can be considered for appointment as Supervisors.

Leave: Anganwadi Workers and Helpers are permitted to take 20 days of annual leave 10 days at a time for attending to private affairs and during illness. They are further allowed paid absence for maternity or in the even of abortion/miscarriage after completing tenure of one year.

T.A. TA/DA can be paid from the ICDS budget to the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers for attending monthly meetings or short term reorientation/training courses according to laid down norms.

(c) In Andhra Pradesh, a World Bank assisted ICDS programme is under implementation under which 110 Blocks are to be covered. Cut of these 87 blocks have already been sanctioned. This programme has additional components such as scheme of Adolescent Girls, Women Integrated Learning for Life (WILL), Mobilization and Income Generating Programme for Women, Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres and Improved Communication.

Upgradation of wait listed status of India Airlines tickets

1854. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wait-listed status of the Indian Airlines tickets are automatically upgraded in respect of tickets booked on a number of flights in the same sector and in same ticket when the passenger has already availed any of the preceding flight;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to streamline the handling of wait-listed tickets status particularly at the Calcutta Airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government proposed to consider automatic O.K. for wait-listed tickets vis-a-vis overall booking position/checking at the airport to make the wait-listed passengers not to wait until half-an-hour of departure causing delay and many avoidable problems?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). In case a passenger in holding a wait-listed ticket on several flights on the same sector and in same ticket one of the flights gets confirmed and he presents his ticket for endorsement/confirmation for travel on that particular flight, the passenger's request for wait-listing on the other flights on the same sector may be cancelled.

(c) The system of accepting wait-listed passengers at Calcutta is the same as at other airports with computerised check-in facility. There is continuous monitoring and review of all the systems and procedures with a view to making improvements and modifications wherever possible.

(d) Since passengers holding confirmed reservations are permitted to check in upto half an hour before the departure of the flights, the exact number of seats available for accommodating wait-listed passengers would be know only half an hour before the departure and wait-listed passengers may have to wait till that time before being accepted. Such passengers may, however, be accepted even prior to that at the discretion of the Indian Airlines executive on the spot in case, because of cancellations, the flight appears to have available capacity.

[*Translation*]

Social Organisations in Bhagalpur

1855. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Samajik Sansthaon Par Kabij Log' appearing in Jansatta, dated September 16, 1991 regarding miserable condition of Saraswati Library in Bhagalpur, the lying of an idol of Radhakrishna temple, Lahri Tola, in the basement of the Bhagalpur Kotwali and miserable condition and mismanagement of many other organisations;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve their condition; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Saraswati Library in Bhagalpur and Radhakrishna temple in Lahri Tola and the Bhagalpur Kotwali are not under the management and control of the Central Government nor are they recipient of any grant from the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As regards mismanagement of other organisations, no specific details are provided.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.